

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Hicham Aboutaam,

Plaintiff,

v.

L'Office Federale de la Culture de la
Confederation Suisse, L'Administration Federale
Des Douanes de la Confederation Suisse, La
République et Canton de Genève,

Defendants.

Case No. 18-cv-08248
The Honorable Ronnie Abrams

Lynda Beierwaltes, William Beierwaltes,

Plaintiffs,

v.

L'Office Federale de la Culture de la
Confederation Suisse, L'Administration Federale
Des Douanes de la Confederation Suisse, La
République et Canton de Genève,

Defendants.

Related Case No. 18-cv-11167
The Honorable Ronnie Abrams

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE

Robert A. DeRise hereby declares as follows:

1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice in the Southern District of New York *pro hac vice*, and I am leaving the law firm of Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP (“Arnold & Porter”). I submit this Declaration in support of my application to withdraw my appearance in the above-captioned action.

2. Arnold & Porter will continue to represent Defendant La République et Canton de Genève in the above-captioned actions, and no delay in the progress of this action will result from my withdrawal.

3. As Arnold & Porter shall continue to represent Defendant La République et Canton de Genève, no retaining or charging lien shall be asserted.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, I respectfully request that the Court enter an order withdrawing my appearance as counsel for La République et Canton de Genève in the above-captioned action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: Washington, D.C.
August 29, 2019

/s/ Robert A. DeRise

Robert A. DeRise